

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No.: 10/678,632
Attorney Docket No.: Q77799

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 7, and 8 have been canceled. Thus, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 9-21 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 14-21 were allowed over the prior art of record.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 9-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has rewritten objected to claims 2, 5, 6, 9, and 10 in independent form, thus placing objected to claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 9-13 in allowable form.

Therefore, the instant application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.


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